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1. Chinese Communist Military Mission. A military mission, including 40 high-ranking officers of the Chinese Communist National Defense Headquarters (sic) led by MAO Hung, has recently arrived in Tonkin. The mission has been divided into nine groups, each of which will study the military situation in one of the nine Tonkin provinces. The group will also organize the military training course to be instituted in Intersector IV.
2. Chinese Communist Forces in Tonkin. Chinese Communist forces in Tonkin now total two Dai Doan (Brigades). Together with Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) troops in the area, they are concentrated along the following three combat lines, under Chinese Communist officers recently arrived from Yunnan:
 - a. Thai Nguyen-Hoa Binh Area. Forces in this zone, commanded by LI Lien-pao (李 廉 波), are divided into two combat groups:
 - (1) The First Combat Group, with headquarters at Thai Nguyen, is commanded by KUAN Wu (关 武). It is made up of two regiments, consisting of 24 companies of 200 men each, which operate in the Tam Dao-Vinh Yen-Phuc Yen-Ha Chau area in cooperation with the DRV I. Border Army (sic).
 - (2) The Second Combat Group, with headquarters at Hoa Binh, is commanded by LIN Tu-hua (林 度 华). It is made up of three regiments, consisting of 20 companies, active in the Ba Vi-Son Tay-Xuan Mai area.

Chinese Communist supplies for forces in Hoa Binh and in Central Vietnam are dispatched by sea from Hainan.
 - b. Kwangsi-Tonkin Border Area. Forces in this zone, under TRAN Khac¹, are organized into 19 companies, charged with the surveillance of the Kwangsi-Tonkin border area. These companies are disposed as follows: three companies at Langson; two companies at Soc Giang, Cao Bang, Dong Khe, That Khe and Dong Dang; and one company at Trung Khanh Phu, Bang Ca, Quang Uyen, Ta Lung, Na Cham and Loc Binh.

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In addition to these forces, one artillery company, equipped with two anti-aircraft guns and one cannon, is stationed on Hill 819 at Poma (106-31, 22-21). A group of 80 Chinese Communist security agents, under LAM Phong, is based at Langson for operations in the border area.

Supplies for these forces are delivered via the Nanning-Lungchou road.

- c. Yunnan-Tonkin Border Area. CHAO Chao-an (趙非安) commands 4,000 troops in the Lao Kay-Chapa-Phong Tu-Pa Kha area. These troops are supplied via the Mengtzu-Hok'ou road.

3. Chinese Communist Arms Shipment. On 14 May 1951, 150 trucks loaded with 420 cases of arms and ammunition marked "MI" were dispatched from Nanning to Lungchou. This material, destined for Sino-Vietnamese forces in the Cao Bang-Langson border area, included the following:

- 32 x 60 mm cannon
- 50 heavy machine guns
- 100 medium machine guns
- 30 bazookas
- 3,000 rifles
- 5 cases of equipment for the production of arms and ammunition
- 10 batteries and 1 ton of TNT
- 1,500 kilograms of black powder
- 50 mines
- 35 rolls of fuse

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